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## Programme of meetings and agenda

## Monday, 16 January 2017

## Official meetings

### General Assembly

Seventy-first session

15:00 — Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on the first draft of the modalities draft resolution on the intergovernmental negotiations leading to the adoption of a global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration to be presented at an intergovernmental conference on international migration in 2018.

[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 22 December 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

### 2017 Working Group on Contingent-Owned Equipment

**Organizational meeting**

10:00 to 13:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 3

**Sub-Working Group – Major Equipment**

15:00 to 18:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 3

**Sub-Working Group – Self-Sustainment**

15:00 to 18:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 5

**Sub-Working Group – Medical Support Service**

15:00 to 18:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 6

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### United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

**Executive Board**

Bureau Elections

11:30 to 13:00 Conference Room 11

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2014/5 and rule 7 of the Rules of procedure, the Executive Board will hold a formal meeting for the purpose of electing the Bureau of the Executive Board for 2017.

## Security Council

**Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict**

15:00 to 18:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 7

## Economic and Social Council

**United Nations Forum on Forests**

**Working Group**

10:00 to 13:00 1st meeting [webcast] Conference Room 2

1. Election of officers [item 1]
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (E/CN.18/WG/2017/1) [item 2]
3. Recommendations of the working group to the special session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (E/CN.18/2016/AHEG/3, E/CN.18/2016/AHEG/5, E/CN.18/WG/2017/2 and E/CN.18/WG/2017/3) [item 3]

   *Introductory statements*

4. General discussion

15:00 to 18:00 2nd meeting [webcast] Conference Room 2

Recommendations of the working group to the special session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (E/CN.18/WG/2017/2 and E/CN.18/WG/2017/3) [item 3]

*Discussion on the Co-Chairs' proposals*

[Background information and related documentation for the Working Group are available on the United Nations Forum on Forests Website (*click here*). For additional information, please contact the United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat (e-mail unff@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3401).]

**Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services**

Elections of the Bureau of the Executive Board for 2017

10:00 Conference Room 11

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2006/14 and rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure, the Executive Board will hold a formal meeting for the purpose of electing the Bureau of the Executive Board for 2017, followed by the pre-session informal consultation.

## Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

*The agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/71/251 and A/71/252. The meetings under this header are closed.*

*General Assembly*

**Informal consultations on draft resolution entitled "The role of diamonds in fueling conflict" (under agenda item 30) (convened by the Permanent Mission of United Arab Emirates)**

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room B

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Day of Neutrality" (under agenda item 14) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Turkmenistan)**

11:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 9

## Other meetings

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**JUSCANZ Group (on the Working Group of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF))**

08:30 to 10:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 9

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**Event entitled "One Year of Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) Implementation: Achievements and Prospects for Sustainability" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation and the Center for Energy and Security Studies (CENESS))**

13:15 to 14:45 Conference Room 12

All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, contact Mr. Vadim V. Sergeev, Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation (e-mail sergeev.un@ya.ru; tel. 1 (212) 861-4900).

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**Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)**

13:15 to 14:30 Closed meeting Conference Room 11

## Press conferences

*Press Briefing Room (S-0237)* [webcast]

For the complete list of press conferences, please click on the link *www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp*.

# Forthcoming official meetings

## General Assembly

Seventy-first session

Tuesday, 24 January 2017

**High Level Dialogue on "Building Sustainable Peace for all: Synergies between the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Sustaining Peace"**

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| 09:00 | Opening segment | Trusteeship Council Chamber |
| 10:00 | High-level segment and plenary debate | Trusteeship Council Chamber |
| 11:00 | Interactive panel discussion on taking a comprehensive approach to sustainable development and sustaining peace | Trusteeship Council Chamber |
| 15:00 | Plenary debate *(continued)* | Trusteeship Council Chamber |
| 15:00 | Workshops focusing on linkages across three themes (in parallel): | |
| | 1. Empowering women and youth for peace and sustainable development | Conference Room 1 |
| | 2. Managing natural ressources for peace and sustainable development | Conference Room 1 |
| | 3. Strengthening transparent, inclusive, and accountable institutions | Conference Room 1 |

17:30 Trusteeship Council Chamber

Briefing by chairs of workshops on main points discussed

17:55 Trusteeship Council Chamber

*Closing*

[Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 6 December 2016 and 10 January 2017, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. Delegations wishing to speak in the high-level segment and the plenary debate are kindly requested to inscribe with the List of Speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Mr. Carlos Galindo (e-mail galindo@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063), with copy to e-mail gaspeakerslist@un.org). Statements in the plenary debate should not exceed *three minutes*. For *PaperSmart Services*, delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail. For more information on the event, please *click here*.]

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**United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development**
Preparatory meeting

Wednesday, 15 and Thursday, 16 February 2017

10:00 Conference Room 4

15:00 Conference Room 4

The President of the General Assembly, pursuant to operative paragraph 18 of General Assembly resolution 70/303, will convene a two-day preparatory meeting, to be chaired by the co-facilitators appointed to oversee the preparatory process and to conclude the intergovernmental consultations on a "Call for Action", His Excellency Álvaro Mendonça Moura, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations, and His Excellency Burhan Gafoor, Permanent Representative of Singapore to the United Nations, with a view to considering the themes for the partnership dialogues of the Conference and elements for a "Call for Action".

As stipulated in Assembly resolution 70/303, the preparatory process shall be open to all States Members of the United Nations, members of the specialized agencies and parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. Other relevant stakeholders, including organizations and bodies of the United Nations, intergovernmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private and philanthropic organizations, whose work is relevant to the Conference and accredited in accordance with the provisions of resolution 70/303, are invited to participate as observers. Associate members of the regional commissions are also invited to participate as observers.

Additional information on registration and accreditation is available on the Conference website, please *click here*. For additional information on the preparatory meeting please contact Ms. Ling Wang (e-mail wang24@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0727), Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 3 November 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

**Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations**
Informal briefing

Friday, 20 January 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 1

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide an informal briefing (closed), to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, on:

Civil Affairs; and Gender and Women Peace and Security

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**Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization**
2017 session
Tuesday, 21 February, to Wednesday, 1 March 2017

Tuesday, 21 February 2017

10:00 284th meeting Conference Room 3

The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document A/AC.182/L.145, and is available on the website of the Special Committee (*click here*). Other relevant documents for the session will also be posted on the website.

The list of speakers for the general debate, to be held on Tuesday, 21 February 2017, *is open*. Delegations are urged to contact the secretariat of the Special Committee (e-mail 6thcommittee@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5331; fax 1 (212) 963-1963)) if they wish to be inscribed on the list.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/52 of 11 December 1995, the Special Committee is open to all States Members of the United Nations. Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (e-mail 6thcommittee@un.org, Room DC2-0566; fax 1 (212) 963-1963). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

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**United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)**
**Executive Board**

Informal briefing

Tuesday, 17 January 2017

10:00 to 12:00 Conference Room 9

Informal orientation briefing for new members of the UN-Women Executive Board

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Pre-session informal meeting

Thursday, 26 January 2017

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 2

Pre-session informal meeting in advance of the first regular session of 2017 of the Executive Board of UN-Women

The pre-session will be combined with an informal briefing on Corporate Evaluation on UN-Women Regional Architecture.

## Security Council

Tuesday, 17 January 2017

10:00 Security Council Chamber

Open debate in connection with the agenda item "The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question"

Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should send a letter addressed to the President of the Security Council requesting to participate in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure (e-mail dpa-scsb3@un.org; or fax 1 (917) 367-0406). Please note that only scanned copies of signed letters will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are kindly requested to limit their statements to *no more than four minutes*.

Delegations are reminded that the list of speakers will not be available by telephone or e-mail, but only in hard copy in the Chamber, shortly before the beginning of the meeting.

**Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)**
Informal meeting

Thursday, 19 January 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 7

On behalf of the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism, the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) will hold an informal meeting, with Western European and Others Group of States on "countering the activities of ISIL (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and associated individuals, groups, undertakings and entities to incite and recruit individuals to commit terrorist acts".

The Council's presidential statement of 11 May 2016 (S/PRST/2016/6) requested the Counter-Terrorism Committee, in close consultations with CTED and other relevant United Nations bodies and international and regional organizations, in particular the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF) Office, as well as interested Member States, to present a proposal to the Council by 30 April 2017 for a "comprehensive international framework" to effectively counter, in compliance with international law, the ways that ISIL, Al-Qaida and associated individuals and entities use their narratives to encourage, motivate, and recruit others to commit terrorist acts.

In this regard, the objective of the informal meeting is to share initial findings and seek further input from the Western European and Others Group of States on the development of a comprehensive international framework pursuant to S/PRST/2016/6. Similar meetings will be organized for other regional groups during January 2017.

For additional information, please contact Mr. Matteo Sestito, Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (e-mail sestito@un.org; 1 (917) 367-4112).

## Economic and Social Council

2017 session

Youth Forum

Monday, 30 and Tuesday, 31 January 2017 Trusteeship Council Chamber

The Economic and Social Council will hold its sixth youth forum on the theme "The role of youth in poverty eradication and promoting prosperity in a changing world".

A ministerial roundtable on youth issues and youth engagement in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development will be held immediately following the opening segment.

In view of the interactive nature of the youth forum, there will be no pre-determined list of speakers and participants are requested to refrain from reading prepared statements. In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions will be limited to *three minutes* (*five minutes* for groups).

All are invited to attend. Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations who wish to participate, should communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity (c/o alejandrino@un.org, with a copy to simonp@un.org) *no later than noon on Friday, 27 January 2017*, in order to be provided a seat in the plenary room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Additional information on the youth forum, including the draft programme, general concept note and ministerial roundtable concept note, as well as logistical information for participation, is available on the website of the Council (*click here*) or please contact Mr. Paul Simon, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail simonp@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5027).

### Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

2017 regular session

Monday, 30 January to Wednesday, 8 February and
Tuesday, 21 February 2017 Conference Room 1

The annotated provisional agenda has been issued as document E/C.2/2017/1. Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note verbal to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Alexander Lomaia (e-mail lomaia@un.org, with a copy to komatina@un.org; Room S-3057).

Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Background information on the Committee (its procedures, forms and documentation) is available on the Web site of the NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (please *click here*).

Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.

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**Commission for Social Development**

Informal briefing

Wednesday, 18 January 2017

10:00 Conference Room 4

On the draft programme of work of the fifty-fifth session of the Commission

Immediately after the briefing on the work programme of the fifty-fifth session of the Commission for Social Development, the Division for Social Policy and Development will present the substantive findings and key policy suggestions of a flagship publication of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, *Report on the World Social Situation 2016 – Leaving No One Behind: the imperative of inclusive development*.

All are invited to attend.

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Fifty-fifth session
Wednesday, 1, to Friday, 10 February 2017

Wednesday, 1 February 2017

10:00 Opening meeting Conference Room 4

The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed organization of work are contained in document E/CN.5/2017/1. For further information on the fifty-fifth and previous sessions of the Commission, please *click here*.

For the *participation and seating arrangements*, members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma, of the composition of their delegations (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org), with a copy to Mr. Mahmoud Ablan (e-mail ablanm@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) in Conference Room 4, only observers who will communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat, *by Friday, 27 January 2017*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of the conference room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis. Delegations should contact the secretariat regarding accessibility requirements, *as soon as possible* (e-mail doultonf@un.org).

*General discussion* under item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda (Priority theme: Strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all) will begin on Wednesday, 1 February 2017, following the opening of the session. The general discussion under item 3 (b) (Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups) will begin on Friday, 3 February 2017, in the afternoon. For further details, please consult the proposed organization of work in Annex I to document E/CN.5/2017/1.

The *lists of speakers* are open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the lists should contact, *in writing*, Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that, according to past practice, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes*, statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*, and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes*.

Delegates are informed that *PaperSmart services* are offered as an additional service for the fifty-fifth session of the Commission. The *statements* will be made available on the Commission PaperSmart portal at the time of delivery by delegations.

To consult comprehensive information on the *participation of non-governmental organizations* in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

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## United Nations Children's Fund
### Executive Board

Pre-session briefing

Monday, 23 January 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 1

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (Tuesday, 7, to Thursday, 9 February 2017)

The pre-session will be combined with an informal briefing on: (a) Private Fundraising and Partnerships: 2017 workplan and proposed budget; (b) Updated road map to and outline of the Strategic Plan for 2018-2021; and (c) Assessment of ways to enhance results-based budgeting and assessment of the resource allocation system.

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First regular session

Tuesday, 7, to Thursday, 9 February 2017 Conference Room 3

The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work of the UNICEF Executive Board are contained in document E/ICEF/2017/1. Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available by *clicking here*. Member States as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (1 (212) 326-7096); or e-mail them to harai@unicef.org, as early as possible, but *no later than Friday, 3 February 2017*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene. The time limit set for delivering statements during the general discussion is *five minutes* for speakers on behalf of groups and *three minutes* for individual delegations.

As per established practice, advance copies of all session documentation are available on the UNICEF Executive Board website (*click here*). The upcoming 2017 first regular

session will be a PaperSmart session of the UNICEF Executive Board. This means that instead of distributing hardcopies in the conference room, all documentation will be available for downloading electronically through the UNICEF Executive Board website (*click here*).

UNICEF is fully committed to diversity and inclusion. To ensure that the Executive Board session is fully accessible, participants are kindly reminded of a few basic tenets that will enable all delegates to enjoy the full benefit of the deliberations. To the extent possible, speakers are encouraged to introduce themselves and to read out and/or verbally describe visual materials in slides, charts and graphs.

The United Nations provides a range of tools and services in support of persons with disabilities through its Accessibility Centre (located in the first basement level of the Conference Building); an Accessibility Service Kiosk (adjacent to the Information Desk at the Visitors' Entrance); and a Documents Assistance Centre (in the Delegates' Lounge).

UNICEF would be happy to put delegates in touch with the Centre, or – with advance notice – they need to let UNICEF know what kind of services would be needed to procure on their behalf.

Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board (Attn. Mr. Dillon Leano (e-mail dleano@unicef.org)).

The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement *and* in the subject line of the e-mail. These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the statement and then posted to the 'In-session' webpage on the UNICEF Executive Board website.

Delegations are kindly requested to bring 10 copies of their statements to the conference officers for interpretation.

Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meeting in order to access electronically the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

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**United Nations Forum on Forests**

Special session

Friday, 20 January 2017 Conference Room 2

The special session of the Forum will be held immediately following the conclusion of the meeting of the Working Group.

For inclusion in the list of participants for the special session, delegations are requested to communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretary of the Forum, Mr. Moncef Khane (c/o Mr. Mahmoud Ablan (e-mail ablanm@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Background information and related documentation for the special session are available on the United Nations Forum on Forests website (*click here*). For additional information, please contact the United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat (e-mail unff@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3401).

**Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services**

First regular session 2017

Monday, 30 January to Friday, 3 February 2017 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The provisional agenda, annotations and list of documents for the session are contained in document DP/2017/L.1. Kindly note that documents for the UNDP and UNOPS segments of the session are posted on the UNDP Executive Board website (*click here*) and for the UNFPA segment on the UNFPA website (*click here*).

Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead) to the Executive Board secretariat at eb.secretariat@undp.org, with copy to ferguson@unfpa.org, *as early as possible, but not later than Monday, 23 January 2017*.

The first regular session 2017 will continue to use the electronic system to identify requests to take the floor. Delegations with a special interest on any of the UNDP and UNOPS agenda items are kindly requested to communicate their intention to intervene during such items to the Executive Board secretariat at eb.secretariat@undp.org. Interventions related to UNFPA items should be communicated to speakerslist@unfpa.org.

As per established practice, the first regular session 2017 will be *PaperSmart*. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

The PaperSmart portal will provide access to the official documents in all official languages. Statements, background documents, informal documents and presentations will be available in the language of submission.

The portal will be accessible via papersmart.un.org.

Documents and statements will be available for viewing and downloading through laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices. Alternatively, Member States may request hard copies of documents using the print on demand icon located next to the document in the PaperSmart portal. Member States may also request hard copies of documents at the Conference Officers' desk located in the conference room.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements or presentations by e-mail to the PaperSmart secretariat (e-mail papersmart4@un.org), *at least two hours in advance* of their speaking slot. The intended agenda item should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be available to view and download via the PaperSmart portal upon delivery. Delegations are kindly requested to provide 15 hard copies of the official statements for the interpretation and other services.

**United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)**

Informal consultations

Tuesday, 17 January 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 11

On the evaluation of UNFPA support to adolescents and Youth (2008-2015) and management response

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Monday, 23 January 2017

10:00 to 11:30 Conference Room 8

On draft country programme documents

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

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UNFPA Executive Board briefings

Wednesday, 1 February 2017

13:15 to 14:45 Conference Room 5

On the UNFPA Strategic Plan 2018-2021

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Friday, 3 February 2017

10:00 to 11:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

On UNFPA humanitarian response funding

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

## Forthcoming other meetings

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**Orientation course entitled "Economic and Social Council for members of the Council" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, the United Nations Institute of Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))**

Tuesday, 17 January 2017

09:30 to 13:00 Conference Room 12

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 12

All are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Mr. Pelayo Alvarez, UNITAR New York Office (e-mails pelayo.alvarez@unitar.org or nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

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**Event entitled "High-level Forum on Combating Anti-Muslim Discrimination and Hatred" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada, the United States Mission, the Delegation of the European Union and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation)**

Tuesday, 17 January 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

15:00 to 17:15 Economic and Social Council Chamber

All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, contact Mr. Cameron Jelinski, Permanent Mission of Canada (e-mail cameron.jelinski@international.gc.ca; tel. 1 (212) 848-1176).

**Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)**

Tuesday, 17 January 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

**Briefings on "The new initiative of the Least Developed Countries graduation platform" and on "The updated Least Developed Countries support measures portal" (organized by the Committee for Development Policy (CDP) Secretariat, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))**

Tuesday, 17 January 2017

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 11

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Namsuk Kim, CDP Secretariat (e-mail kimnamsuk@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4737).

**African Group (at the ambassadorial level)**

Tuesday, 17 January 2017

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 1

**Event entitled "High-level Meeting on Sustainable Tourism, Trade and Global Digital Assets in support of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDG's)" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Suriname, World Assets Digital Cryptology Committee (WADCC) and the United Nations Association of El Salvador (UNA-SV))**

Tuesday, 17 January 2017

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 4

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Jenny Chen, Permanent Mission of Suriname (e-mail chenjsu11@gmail.com) tel. 1 (212) 826-0660).

**Event entitled "The role of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) in accelerating the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 14 and 17) in advance of the High-level Political Forum (HLPF 2017); eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in our 'digital' world" (organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU))**

Wednesday, 18 January 2017

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 12

All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Sharon London, ITU Liaison Office (e-mail london@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6121).

**Briefing entitled "Planning the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI) Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Conference" (organized by NGO Relations, Advocacy and Special Events Section, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information)**

Thursday, 19 January 2017

11:00 to 12:30 Conference Room 1

All are invited. For more information, please contact Ms. Hawa Diallo DPI/NGO Relations (e-mail diallo9@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9380).

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**Brainstorming session "Responsible governance on disarmament and non-proliferation for progress and sustainable development" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Belarus, Kazakhstan and Suriname, and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP))**

Monday, 23 January 2017

15:00 to 17:00 Conference Room 8

All are invited. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Belarus (e-mail vitaly.mackay@gmail.com); to register, please *click here*.

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**Group of Least Developed Countries (briefing by the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) on its mandate and programs, and preview of the Strategic Framework road map)**

Tuesday, 24 January 2017

10:00 to 12:00 Closed meeting Conference Room B

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**Group of Least Developed Countries (at the ambassadorial level)**

Tuesday, 24 January 2017

15:30 to 17:30 Closed meeting Conference Room B

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**International Expert Group Meeting on the theme "Implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: the role of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and other indigenous-specific mechanisms: article 42" (organized by the secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))**

Wednesday, 25, to Friday, 27 January 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 11

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 11

All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Mr. Elias Centellas, secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (e-mail centellas@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 363-6663).

**Event entitled "Mental Health for All: Local Strategies" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Australia, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Palau and Panama, the New York City Mayor's Office for International Affairs, the ThriveNYC and the World Health Organization (WHO))**

Wednesday, 25 January 2017

11:30 to 13:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Kenlie Lipiano, Permanent Mission of Palau (e-mail proffice@palauun.org; tel. 1 (212) 813-0310).

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**Workshop entitled "International Law: Challenges and Opportunities for the International Criminal Court" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden and the United Nations Institute of Training and Research (UNITAR))**

Thursday, 26 January 2017

09:30 to 13:00 Conference Room D

15:00 to 17:00 Conference Room D

All are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Mr. Pelayo Alvarez, UNITAR New York Office (e-mails pelayo.alvarez@unitar.org or nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

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**Briefing entitled "Educating against Extremism, Building a Better Future" (in observance of the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the victims of the Holocaust (27 January)) (organized by NGO Relations, Advocacy and Special Events Section and the Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Programme, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information)**

Thursday, 26 January 2017

11:00 to 12:30 Conference Room 1

All are invited. For more information, please contact Ms. Hawa Diallo, DPI/NGO Relations (e-mail diallo9@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9380).

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**Briefing on "The road map to the United Nations Capital Development Fund Strategic Framework, 2018-2021" (organized by the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF))**

Monday, 30 January 2017

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 6

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Kris Supangkat, UNCDF (e-mail krisanhty.supangkat@uncdf.org; tel. 1 (212) 906-6436).

## Announcements

### United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law

The Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs recently added the following lectures to the Lecture Series of the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law (AVL) website: Professor Alain Pellet – "Le Guide de la pratique sur les réserves aux traités" and "The Guide to Practice on Reservations to Treaties". All interested parties are invited to visit the website, please *click here* to access the lectures.

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*Introduction to UN Documents (English, French)*

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*Introduction to Library Services*

*Finding Speeches*

*Voting Information*

*General Assembly Documentation*

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### International Law Seminar for African Universities: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (19 to 30 June 2017): Urgent appeal for voluntary contributions and call for applications

The African Institute of International Law is planning to conduct the second International Law Seminar for African Universities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) from 19 to 30 June 2017, to promote capacity building in international law education for the benefit of the faculty members of academic institutions and government training centres throughout the region.

The African Institute of International Law will conduct the seminar in cooperation with the Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs pursuant to General Assembly resolution 71/139 (A/RES/71/139).

The curriculum for this seminar will include: International Law (Ms. Boisson de Chazournes), International Trade Law and Environmental Law (Mr. Mbengue), African Union Law and Institutions (Judge Kioko), International and African Human Rights

Law (Mr. Okafor), Law of the Sea (Ms. Oral), as well as, International Humanitarian Law and International Criminal Law (Judge Advocate General Riordan).

The seminar is subject to funding by *voluntary contributions*. Voluntary contributions are *urgently needed* to ensure the continuation of this essential capacity building activity to promote international law education in Africa.

For further information, please contact the African Institute of International Law (e-mail info@aiil-iadi.org), or the Secretary of the Advisory Committee on the Programme of Assistance, Ms. Virginia Morris (e-mail morrisv@un.org). Application forms are available on the AIIL website (*click here*).

**Press kit for the seventy-first session of the General Assembly**

The press kit for the seventy-first session of the General Assembly is available online in all six official languages. Produced by the Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the kit is paper-free. Print-on-demand versions are available on the General Assembly website (*click here*).

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council**

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The *Repertoire* is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law and international relations, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations in following the evolving practice of the Council and gaining a better understanding of the framework in which it operates. The latest printed volume (Seventeenth Supplement), covering the years 2010 to 2011, is now available.

For copies, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288). The Eighteenth Supplement (2012-2013) and Part I of the Nineteenth Supplement (2014-2015) are available in their advance versions on the *Repertoire section* of the website of the Security Council.

**Report of the High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises**

The report of the Secretary-General's High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises has been issued in document A/70/723, in conjunction with the Secretary-General's report, contained in document A/70/824.

**Calendar of conferences and meetings**

The 2016 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

# Summary of official meetings

**Friday, 13 January 2017**

## Security Council

[archived video]

7862nd meeting *Peace consolidation in West Africa*

*Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel (S/2016/1072)*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited Mr. Mohammed Ibn Chambas, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Security Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Chambas.

A statement was made by the representative of Uruguay.

# Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

*The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.*

**[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]**

*International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. New York, 7 March 1966*

*Ratification:* Sao Tome and Principe (10 January 2017)

*International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. New York, 16 December 1966*

*Ratification:* Sao Tome and Principe (10 January 2017)

*International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966*

*Ratification:* Sao Tome and Principe (10 January 2017)

*Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 10 December 1984*

*Ratification:* Sao Tome and Principe (10 January 2017)

*Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty. New York, 15 December 1989*

*Ratification:* Sao Tome and Principe (10 January 2017)

*International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families. New York, 18 December 1990*

*Ratification:* Sao Tome and Principe (10 January 2017)

*Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Nagoya, 29 October 2010*

*Accession:* Sao Tome and Principe (10 January 2017)

## General information

### Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *January 2017* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

*African States*
Burundi
His Excellency Albert Shingiro

*Asia-Pacific States*
Lebanon
His Excellency Nawaf Salam

*Eastern European States*
Lithuania
Her Excellency Raimonda Murmokaitė

*Latin American and Caribbean States*
Cuba
Her Excellency Ana Silvia Rodríguez Abascal
*Chargée d'Affaires*

*Western European and other States*
Switzerland
His Excellency Jürg Lauber

## General Assembly

Seventy-first session

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The agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/71/251 and A/71/251/Add.1, and the allocation of agenda items for the session is contained in document A/71/252 and A/71/252/Add.1.

The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/71/100 and the annotated draft agenda of the seventy-first session has been issued as document A/71/100/Add.1.

The following items on the agenda remain open for consideration during the seventy-first session of the General Assembly: agenda items 9 to 15, 19, 19 (h), 20, 28 to 35, 37, 38, 40 to 46, 51, 61, 62, 62 (a) and (b), 65, 65 (a), 66, 68, 68 (b), 69, 69 (a) to (d), 73, 73 (a), 87, 110 to 112, 114, 114 (a), 115, 115 (b) (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), and (l), 116 to 125, 126, 126 (b), (c), (e) to (h), (j), (k), (m), (p), (q), (s), (t) and (z), and 127 to 164.

The schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly during the resumed part of its seventy-first session will be reflected in the online schedule of meetings, please *click here*.

There is no pre-determined calendar of meetings for the resumed part of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly.

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**Security Council**

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## Documents issued at United Nations Headquarters on Friday, 13 January 2017

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| **General Assembly** | |
| | **Seventy-first session** |
| A/71/694 | Item 73 (a) — Oceans and the law of the sea: oceans and the law of the sea — Note verbale dated 27 December 2016 from the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *2 pages* |

A/71/698 Item 134 — Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 — Managing after-service health insurance — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *22 pages*

A/RES/71/258 Item 98 — Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 23 December 2016 [A C E F R S] — *4 pages*

A/RES/71/259 Item 98 — Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 23 December 2016 [A C E F R S] — *3 pages*

A/RES/71/261 Item 132 — Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 23 December 2016 [A C E F R S] — *3 pages*

A/RES/71/263 Item 139 — Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 23 December 2016 [A C E F R S] — *7 pages*

**Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples**

A/AC.109/2016/29 Letter dated 5 January 2017 from the Deputy Permanent Representative and Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Special Committee [A C E F R S] — *1 page*

A/AC.109/2016/30 Letter dated 5 January 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Special Committee [A C E F R S] — *1 page*

A/AC.109/2016/31 Letter dated 5 January 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Senegal to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Special Committee [A C E F R S] — *1 page*

A/AC.109/2016/32 Letter dated 4 January 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Guinea to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Special Committee [A C E F R S] — *1 page*

**Seventy-second session**

A/72/61–E/2017/4 Operational activities for development: operational activities for development of the United Nations system — Implementation of General Assembly resolution 67/226 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system: funding analysis — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *29 pages*

## Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

**Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women**
**Sixty-seventh session**

CEDAW/C/BRB/Q/5-8 Item 4 of the provisional agenda — Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women — List of issues and questions in relation to the combined fifth to eighth periodic reports of Barbados — Constitutional, legislative and policy framework [A C E F R S] — *7 pages*

CEDAW/C/EST/CO/5-6 Concluding observations on the combined fifth and sixth periodic reports of Estonia [A C E F R S] — *14 pages*

**Security Council**

S/2016/1098 Report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict in Somalia [A C E F R S] — *18 pages*

S/2016/1137 Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Mali [A C E F R S] — *29 pages*

S/2017/22 Letter dated 9 January 2017 from the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1591 (2005) concerning the Sudan addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *35 pages*

S/2017/28 Report of the Secretary-General concerning the credentials of the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *1 page*

S/2017/29 Report of the Secretary-General concerning the credentials of the representative of Kazakhstan on the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *1 page*

S/Agenda/7860 Provisional agenda [A C E F R S] — *1 page*

S/Agenda/7861 Provisional agenda [A C E F R S] — *1 page*

**Economic and Social Council**

**2017 session**

A/72/61–E/2017/4 Item 7 (a) — Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation: follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council — Implementation of General Assembly resolution 67/226 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system: funding analysis — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *29 pages*

**Commission on the Status of Women**
**Sixty-first session**

E/CN.6/2017/4 Item 3 (a) (ii) of the provisional agenda — Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century": implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives: review theme: challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls — Review of the implementation of the agreed conclusions from the fifty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *19 pages*

**Commission on Population and Development**
**Fiftieth session**

E/CN.9/2017/L.2 Item 5 of the provisional agenda — Provisional agenda for the fifty-first session of the Commission — Note by the Secretariat [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*

**United Nations Forum on Forests**
**Working group established pursuant to paragraph 46 of Economic and Social Council resolution 2015/33**

E/CN.18/WG/2017/2 Item 3 of the provisional agenda — Recommendations of the working group to the special session of the United Nations Forum on Forests — Proposal for the United

Nations strategic plan for forests for the period 2017-2030 — Submission by the Co-Chairs of the working group of the United Nations Forum on Forests [A C E F R S] — *30 pages*

E/CN.18/WG/2017/3 Item 3 of the provisional agenda — Recommendations of the working group to the special session of the United Nations Forum on Forests — Proposal for the quadrennial programme of work of the United Nations Forum on Forests for the period 2017-2020 — Submission by the Co-Chairs of the working group of the United Nations Forum on Forests [A C E F R S] — *5 pages*

**Secretariat**

ST/AI/2013/2/Rev.1 Administrative instruction — Rental subsidies and deductions [A C E F R S] — *15 pages*

**Communications to the Editor**

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## Programme of meetings and agenda

## Tuesday, 17 January 2017

## Official meetings

### Security Council

10:00 — 7863rd meeting [webcast] — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

[Delegations are kindly requested to limit their statements to *no more than four minutes*.]

### General Assembly

Seventy-first session

**2017 Working Group on Contingent-Owned Equipment**

10:00 to 10:30 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 3

**Sub-Working Group – Major Equipment**

10:30 to 13:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 3

15:00 to 18:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 3

**Sub-Working Group – Self-Sustainment**

10:30 to 13:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 5

15:00 to 18:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 5

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**Sub-Working Group – Medical Support Service**

10:30 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 6

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 6

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**United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)**
**Executive Board**

Informal briefing

10:00 to 12:00 Conference Room 9

Informal orientation briefing for new members of the UN-Women Executive Board

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

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## Economic and Social Council

**United Nations Forum on Forests**

**Working Group**

10:00 to 13:00 3rd meeting Conference Room 2

Recommendations of the working group to the special session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (E/CN.18/WG/2017/2 and E/CN.18/WG/2017/3) [item 3]

*Discussion on the Co-Chairs' proposals*

15:00 to 18:00 4th meeting Conference Room 2

Recommendations of the working group to the special session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (E/CN.18/WG/2017/2 and E/CN.18/WG/2017/3) [item 3]

*Continuation of the discussion on the Co-Chairs' proposals*

[Background information and related documentation for the Working Group are available on the United Nations Forum on Forests Website (*click here*). For additional information, please contact the United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat (e-mail unff@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3401).]

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**United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)**

Informal consultations

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 11

On the evaluation of UNFPA support to adolescents and Youth (2008-2015) and management response

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

## Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

*The agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/71/251 and A/71/252. The meetings under this header are closed.*

***General Assembly***

**Informal consultations on draft resolution entitled "The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict" (under agenda item 30) (convened by the Permanent Mission of United Arab Emirates)**

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room B

## Other meetings

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**JUSCANZ Group (on the Working Group of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF))**

08:15 to 09:45 Closed meeting Conference Room 11

**Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)**

09:00 to 10:00 Closed meeting Conference Room C

**Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)**

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

**Orientation course entitled "Economic and Social Council for members of the Council" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, the United Nations Institute of Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))**

09:30 to 13:00 Conference Room 12

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 12

All are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Mr. Pelayo Alvarez, UNITAR New York Office (e-mails pelayo.alvarez@unitar.org or nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

**Event entitled "High-level Forum on Combating Anti-Muslim Discrimination and Hatred" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada, the United States Mission, the Delegation of the European Union and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation)**

10:00 to 13:00 [webcast] Economic and Social Council Chamber

15:00 to 17:15 [webcast] Economic and Social Council Chamber

All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, contact Mr. Cameron Jelinski, Permanent Mission of Canada (e-mail cameron.jelinski@international.gc.ca; tel. 1 (212) 848-1176).

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**Briefings on "The new initiative of the Least Developed Countries graduation platform" and on "The updated Least Developed Countries support measures portal" (organized by the Committee for Development Policy (CDP) Secretariat, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))**

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 11

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Namsuk Kim, CDP Secretariat (e-mail kimnamsuk@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4737).

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**Event entitled "High-level Meeting on Sustainable Tourism, Trade and Global Digital Assets in support of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDG's)" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Suriname, the World Assets Digital Cryptology Committee (WADCC) and the United Nations Association of El Salvador (UNA-SV))**

15:00 to 18:00 [webcast] Conference Room 4

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Jenny Chen, Permanent Mission of Suriname (e-mail chenjsu11@gmail.com; tel. 1 (212) 826-0660).

## Press conferences

*Press Briefing Room (S-0237)* [webcast]

For the complete list of press conferences, please click on the link *www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp*.

# Forthcoming official meetings

## General Assembly

Seventy-first session

Wednesday, 18 January 2017

10:00 — Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on the first draft of the modalities draft resolution on the intergovernmental negotiations leading to the adoption of a global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration to be presented at an intergovernmental conference on international migration in 2018

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Tuesday, 24 January 2017

**High Level Dialogue on "Building Sustainable Peace for all: Synergies between the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Sustaining Peace"**

09:00 — Trusteeship Council Chamber

Opening segment

10:00 — Trusteeship Council Chamber

High-level segment and plenary debate

11:00 — Trusteeship Council Chamber

Interactive panel discussion on taking a comprehensive approach to sustainable development and sustaining peace

15:00 — Trusteeship Council Chamber

Plenary debate *(continued)*

15:00 Workshops focusing on linkages across three themes (in parallel):

1. Empowering women and youth for peace and sustainable development — Conference Room 1
2. Managing natural ressources for peace and sustainable development — *Conference Room 11*
3. Strengthening transparent, inclusive, and accountable institutions — *Conference Room 12*

17:30 — Trusteeship Council Chamber

Briefing by Chairs of workshops on main points discussed

17:55 — Trusteeship Council Chamber

*Closing*

[Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 6 December 2016 and 10 January 2017, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Delegations wishing to speak in the high-level segment and the plenary debate are kindly requested to inscribe with the List of Speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Mr. Carlos Galindo (e-mail galindo@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063), with copy to e-mail gaspeakerslist@un.org). Statements in the plenary debate should not exceed *three minutes*. For *PaperSmart Services*, delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail. For more information on the event, please *click here*.]

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**United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development**
Preparatory meeting

Wednesday, 15, and Thursday, 16 February 2017

10:00 Conference Room 4

15:00 Conference Room 4

The President of the General Assembly, pursuant to operative paragraph 18 of General Assembly resolution 70/303, will convene a two-day preparatory meeting, to be chaired by the co-facilitators appointed to oversee the preparatory process and to conclude the intergovernmental consultations on a "Call for Action", His Excellency Álvaro Mendonça Moura, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations, and His Excellency Burhan Gafoor, Permanent Representative of Singapore to the United Nations, with a view to considering the themes for the partnership dialogues of the Conference and elements for a "Call for Action".

As stipulated in Assembly resolution 70/303, the preparatory process shall be open to all States Members of the United Nations, members of the specialized agencies and parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. Other relevant stakeholders, including organizations and bodies of the United Nations, intergovernmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private and philanthropic organizations, whose work is relevant to the Conference and accredited in accordance with the provisions of resolution 70/303, are invited to participate as observers. Associate members of the regional commissions are also invited to participate as observers. Additional information on registration and accreditation is available on the Conference website, please *click here*. For additional information on the preparatory meeting please contact Ms. Ling Wang (e-mail wang24@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0727), Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 3 November 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

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**Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations**
Informal briefing

Friday, 20 January 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 1

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide an informal briefing (closed), to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, on: Civil Affairs; and Gender and Women Peace and Security

**Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization**
2017 session
Tuesday, 21 February, to Wednesday, 1 March 2017

Tuesday, 21 February 2017

10:00 284th meeting Conference Room 3

The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document A/AC.182/L.145, and is available on the website of the Special Committee (*click here*). Other relevant documents for the session will also be posted on the website.

The list of speakers for the general debate, to be held on Tuesday, 21 February 2017, *is open*. Delegations are urged to contact the secretariat of the Special Committee (e-mail 6thcommittee@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5331; fax 1 (212) 963-1963)) if they wish to be inscribed on the list.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/52 of 11 December 1995, the Special Committee is open to all States Members of the United Nations. Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (e-mail 6thcommittee@un.org, Room DC2-0566; fax 1 (212) 963-1963). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

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**United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)**
**Executive Board**

Pre-session informal meeting

Thursday, 26 January 2017

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 2

Pre-session informal meeting in advance of the first regular session of 2017 of the Executive Board of UN-Women

The pre-session will be combined with an informal briefing on Corporate Evaluation on UN-Women Regional Architecture.

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First regular session

Tuesday, 14 February 2017 Conference Room 3

The annotated provisional agenda and work plan for the session are contained in document UNW/2017/L.1. Advance copies of documentation are available on the UN-Women Executive Board website.

Executive Board members, observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail *their credentials* (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead) to Ms. Rocio Torres (e-mail rocio.torres@unwomen.org).

For requests to be on *the speakers' list* for agenda item 2 (evaluation), please send an e-mail to rocio.torres@unwomen.org, *as early as possible*, but no later than Friday, 3 February 2017. There will be no prepared speaker lists for the other agenda items.

The upcoming first regular session will be PaperSmart as per established practice. All official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal (*click here*) and will not be distributed by conference services during the session. Member States may however make specific requests for hard copies of documents at the Conference Officers' desk located in the conference room.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart secretariat (e-mail papersmart4@un.org) at *least two hours in advance* of their speaking slot. The statements will be accessible electronically via the PaperSmart Portal at the time of delivery, and will be under embargo until then. Delegations are kindly requested to provide 15 hard copies of official statements for interpretation and other services, and are encouraged to carry their laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices to be able to access the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

## Security Council

**Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)**
Informal meeting

Thursday, 19 January 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 7

On behalf of the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism, the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) will hold an informal meeting, with Western European and Others Group of States on "countering the activities of ISIL (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and associated individuals, groups, undertakings and entities to incite and recruit individuals to commit terrorist acts".

The Council's presidential statement of 11 May 2016 (S/PRST/2016/6) requested the Counter-Terrorism Committee, in close consultations with CTED and other relevant United Nations bodies and international and regional organizations, in particular the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF) Office, as well as interested Member States, to present a proposal to the Council by 30 April 2017 for a "comprehensive international framework" to effectively counter, in compliance with international law, the ways that ISIL, Al-Qaida and associated individuals and entities use their narratives to encourage, motivate, and recruit others to commit terrorist acts.

In this regard, the objective of the informal meeting is to share initial findings and seek further input from the Western European and Others Group of States on the development of a comprehensive international framework pursuant to S/PRST/2016/6. Similar meetings will be organized for other regional groups during January 2017.

For additional information, please contact Mr. Matteo Sestito, Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (e-mail sestito@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4112).

## Economic and Social Council

2017 session

Youth Forum

Monday, 30, and Tuesday, 31 January 2017 Trusteeship Council Chamber

The Economic and Social Council will hold its sixth youth forum on the theme "The role of youth in poverty eradication and promoting prosperity in a changing world".

A ministerial roundtable on youth issues and youth engagement in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development will be held immediately following the opening segment.

In view of the interactive nature of the youth forum, there will be no pre-determined list of speakers and participants are requested to refrain from reading prepared statements. In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions will be limited to *three minutes* (*five minutes* for groups).

All are invited to attend. Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations who wish to participate, should communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity (c/o alejandrino@un.org, with a copy to simonp@un.org) *no later than noon on Friday, 27 January 2017*, in order to be provided a seat in the plenary room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Additional information on the youth forum, including the draft programme, general concept note and ministerial roundtable concept note, as well as logistical information for participation, is available on the website of the Council (*click here*) or please contact Mr. Paul Simon, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail simonp@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5027).

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**Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations**

2017 regular session

Monday, 30 January, to Wednesday, 8 February and
Tuesday, 21 February 2017 Conference Room 1

The annotated provisional agenda has been issued as document E/C.2/2017/1. Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note verbal to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Alexander Lomaia (e-mail lomaia@un.org, with a copy to komatina@un.org; Room S-3057).

Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Background information on the Committee (its procedures, forms and documentation) is available on the Web site of the NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (please *click here*).

Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.

**Commission for Social Development**

Informal briefing

Wednesday, 18 January 2017

10:00 Conference Room 4

On the draft programme of work of the fifty-fifth session of the Commission

Immediately after the briefing on the work programme of the fifty-fifth session of the Commission for Social Development, the Division for Social Policy and Development will present the substantive findings and key policy suggestions of a flagship publication of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, *Report on the World Social Situation 2016 – Leaving No One Behind: the imperative of inclusive development*.

All are invited to attend.

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Fifty-fifth session
Wednesday, 1, to Friday, 10 February 2017

Wednesday, 1 February 2017

10:00 Opening meeting Conference Room 4

The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed organization of work are contained in document E/CN.5/2017/1. For further information on the fifty-fifth and previous sessions of the Commission, please *click here*.

For the *participation and seating arrangements*, members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma, of the composition of their delegations (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org), with a copy to Mr. Mahmoud Ablan (e-mail ablanm@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) in Conference Room 4, only observers who will communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat, *by Friday, 27 January 2017*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of the conference room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis. Delegations should contact the secretariat regarding accessibility requirements, *as soon as possible* (e-mail doultonf@un.org).

*General discussion* under item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda (Priority theme: Strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all) will begin on Wednesday, 1 February 2017, following the opening of the session. The general discussion under item 3 (b) (Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups) will begin on Friday, 3 February 2017, in the afternoon. For further details, please consult the proposed organization of work in Annex I to document E/CN.5/2017/1.

The *lists of speakers* are open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the lists should contact, *in writing*, Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that, according to past practice, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes*, statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*, and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes*.

Delegates are informed that *PaperSmart services* are offered as an additional service for the fifty-fifth session of the Commission. The *statements* will be made available on the Commission PaperSmart portal at the time of delivery by delegations.

To consult comprehensive information on the *participation of non-governmental organizations* in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

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**United Nations Children's Fund**
**Executive Board**

Pre-session briefing

Monday, 23 January 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 1

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (Tuesday, 7, to Thursday, 9 February 2017)

The pre-session will be combined with an informal briefing on: (a) Private fundraising and partnerships: 2017 workplan and proposed budget; (b) Updated road map to and outline of the Strategic Plan for 2018-2021; and (c) Assessment of ways to enhance results-based budgeting and assessment of the resource allocation system.

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First regular session

Tuesday, 7, to Thursday, 9 February 2017 Conference Room 3

The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work of the UNICEF Executive Board are contained in document E/ICEF/2017/1. Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available by *clicking here*. Member States as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (1 (212) 326-7096); or e-mail them to harai@unicef.org, as early as possible, but *no later than Friday, 3 February 2017*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene. The time limit set for delivering statements during the general discussion is *five minutes* for speakers on behalf of groups and *three minutes* for individual delegations.

As per established practice, advance copies of all session documentation are available on the UNICEF Executive Board website (*click here*). The upcoming 2017 first regular session will be a PaperSmart session of the UNICEF Executive Board. This means that instead of distributing hardcopies in the conference room, all documentation will be available for downloading electronically through the UNICEF Executive Board website (*click here*).

UNICEF is fully committed to diversity and inclusion. To ensure that the Executive Board session is fully accessible, participants are kindly reminded of a few basic tenets that will enable all delegates to enjoy the full benefit of the deliberations. To the extent

possible, speakers are encouraged to introduce themselves and to read out and/or verbally describe visual materials in slides, charts and graphs.

The United Nations provides a range of tools and services in support of persons with disabilities through its Accessibility Centre (located in the first basement level of the Conference Building); an Accessibility Service Kiosk (adjacent to the Information Desk at the Visitors' Entrance); and a Documents Assistance Centre (in the Delegates' Lounge).

UNICEF would be happy to put delegates in touch with the Centre, or – with advance notice – they need to let UNICEF know what kind of services would be needed to procure on their behalf.

Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board (Attn. Mr. Dillon Leano (e-mail dleano@unicef.org)).

The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement *and* in the subject line of the e-mail. These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the statement and then posted to the 'In-session' webpage on the UNICEF Executive Board website.

Delegations are kindly requested to bring 10 copies of their statements to the conference officers for interpretation.

Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meeting in order to access electronically the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

**United Nations Forum on Forests**

Special session

Friday, 20 January 2017 Conference Room 2

The special session of the Forum will be held immediately following the conclusion of the meeting of the Working Group.

For inclusion in the list of participants for the special session, delegations are requested to communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretary of the Forum, Mr. Moncef Khane (c/o Mr. Mahmoud Ablan (e-mail ablanm@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Background information and related documentation for the special session are available on the United Nations Forum on Forests website (*click here*). For additional information, please contact the United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat (e-mail unff@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3401).

**Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services**

First regular session 2017

Monday, 30 January to Friday, 3 February 2017 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The provisional agenda, annotations and list of documents for the session are contained in document DP/2017/L1. Kindly note that documents for the UNDP and UNOPS segments

of the session are posted on the UNDP Executive Board website (*click here*) and for the UNFPA segment on the UNFPA website (*click here*).

Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead) to the Executive Board secretariat at eb.secretariat@undp.org, with copy to ferguson@unfpa.org, *as early as possible, but not later than Monday, 23 January 2017*.

The first regular session 2017 will continue to use the electronic system to identify requests to take the floor. Delegations with a special interest on any of the UNDP and UNOPS agenda items are kindly requested to communicate their intention to intervene during such items to the Executive Board secretariat at eb.secretariat@undp.org. Interventions related to UNFPA items should be communicated to speakerslist@unfpa.org.

As per established practice, the first regular session 2017 will be *PaperSmart*. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

The PaperSmart portal will provide access to the official documents in all official languages. Statements, background documents, informal documents and presentations will be available in the language of submission.

The portal will be accessible via papersmart.un.org.

Documents and statements will be available for viewing and downloading through laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices. Alternatively, Member States may request hard copies of documents using the print on demand icon located next to the document in the PaperSmart portal. Member States may also request hard copies of documents at the Conference Officers' desk located in the conference room.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements or presentations by e-mail to the PaperSmart secretariat (e-mail papersmart4@un.org), *at least two hours in advance* of their speaking slot. The intended agenda item should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be available to view and download via the PaperSmart portal upon delivery. Delegations are kindly requested to provide 15 hard copies of the official statements for the interpretation and other services.

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**United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)**

**Informal consultations**

**Monday, 23 January 2017**

**10:00 to 11:30** Conference Room 8

**On draft country programme documents**

**All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.**

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**UNFPA Executive Board briefings**

**Wednesday, 1 February 2017**

**13:15 to 14:45** Conference Room 5

**On the UNFPA Strategic Plan 2018-2021**

**All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.**

Friday, 3 February 2017

10:00 to 11:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

On UNFPA humanitarian response funding

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

## Forthcoming other meetings

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**Event entitled "The role of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) in accelerating the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 14 and 17) in advance of the High-level Political Forum (HLPF 2017); eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in our 'digital' world" (organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU))**

Wednesday, 18 January 2017

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 12

All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Sharon London, ITU Liaison Office (e-mail london@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6121).

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**Briefing entitled "Planning the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI) Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Conference" (organized by the NGO Relations, Advocacy and Special Events Section, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information)**

Thursday, 19 January 2017

11:00 to 12:30 Conference Room 1

All are invited. For more information, please contact Ms. Hawa Diallo DPI/NGO Relations (e-mail diallo9@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9380).

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**Briefing on "Follow-up to the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants: Towards a Global Compact on Refugees" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR))**

Monday, 23 January 2017

13:15 to 14:45 Conference Room B

All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Kaitlyn Pritchard, Permanent Mission of Canada (e-mail kaitlyn.pritchard@international.gc.ca; tel. 1 (212) 848-1155).

**Briefing on "The Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty" (organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR))**

Monday, 23 January 2017

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 12

All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact OHCHR (e-mail newyork@ohchr.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5931).

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**Brainstorming session "Responsible governance on disarmament and non-proliferation for progress and sustainable development" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Belarus, Kazakhstan and Suriname, and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP))**

Monday, 23 January 2017

15:00 to 17:00 Conference Room 8

All are invited. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Belarus (e-mail vitaly.mackay@gmail.com); to register, please *click here*.

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**Group of Least Developed Countries (briefing by the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) on its mandate and programs, and preview of the Strategic Framework road map)**

Tuesday, 24 January 2017

10:00 to 12:00 Closed meeting Conference Room B

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**Group of Least Developed Countries (at the ambassadorial level)**

Tuesday, 24 January 2017

15:30 to 17:30 Closed meeting Conference Room B

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**International Expert Group Meeting on the theme "Implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: the role of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and other indigenous-specific mechanisms: article 42" (organized by the secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))**

Wednesday, 25, to Friday, 27 January 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 11

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 11

All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Mr. Elias Centellas, secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (e-mail centellas@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 363-6663).

**Event entitled "Mental Health for All: Local Strategies" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Australia, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Palau and Panama, the New York City Mayor's Office for International Affairs, the ThriveNYC and the World Health Organization (WHO))**

Wednesday, 25 January 2017

11:30 to 13:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Kenlie Lipiano, Permanent Mission of Palau (e-mail proffice@palauun.org; tel. 1 (212) 813-0310).

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**Workshop entitled "International Law: Challenges and Opportunities for the International Criminal Court" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden and the United Nations Institute of Training and Research (UNITAR))**

Thursday, 26 January 2017

09:30 to 13:00 Conference Room D

15:00 to 17:00 Conference Room D

All are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Mr. Pelayo Alvarez, UNITAR New York Office (e-mails pelayo.alvarez@unitar.org or nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

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**Briefing entitled "Educating against Extremism, Building a Better Future" (in observance of the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the victims of the Holocaust (27 January)) (organized by NGO Relations, Advocacy and Special Events Section and the Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Programme, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information)**

Thursday, 26 January 2017

11:00 to 12:30 Conference Room 1

All are invited. For more information, please contact Ms. Hawa Diallo, DPI/NGO Relations (e-mail diallo9@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9380).

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**Non-Aligned Movement (at the ambassadorial level) (monthly meeting)**

Thursday, 26 January 2017

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 4

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**Briefing on "The road map to the United Nations Capital Development Fund Strategic Framework, 2018-2021" (organized by the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF))**

Monday, 30 January 2017

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 6

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Kris Supangkat, UNCDF (e-mail krisanhty.supangkat@uncdf.org; tel. 1 (212) 906-6436).

## Announcements

### Highlights of Security Council Practice

The Highlights of Security Council Practice provides an annual review of Security Council activities since 2011. This publication contains statistical information on the evolving practice of the Security Council relating to meetings, missions, agenda, decisions and voting patterns, as well as on its subsidiary bodies.

The 2016 Highlights of Security Council is now available online (*click here*). It is also available on the Security Council website (*click here*). The Highlights is produced by the Security Council Practices and Charter Research Branch in the Security Council Affairs Division of the Department of Political Affairs. The Branch is also responsible for the drafting of the *Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council, which provides comprehensive coverage of the Security Council's interpretation and application of the United Nations Charter and its own Provisional Rules of Procedure since 1946.

For more information about the 2016 Highlights of Security Council Practice, please contact Mr. Xu Zheng (tel. 1 (917) 367-6900), Security Council Practices and Charter Research Branch, Security Council Affairs Division, Department of Political Affairs.

### Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training in English (unless otherwise indicated) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *January 2017*:

*Introduction to UN Documents (English, French)*

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The African Institute of International Law will conduct the seminar in cooperation with the Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs pursuant to General Assembly resolution 71/139 (A/RES/71/139).

The curriculum for this seminar will include: International Law (Ms. Boisson de Chazournes), International Trade Law and Environmental Law (Mr. Mbengue), African Union Law and Institutions (Judge Kioko), International and African Human Rights Law (Mr. Okafor), Law of the Sea (Ms. Oral), as well as, International Humanitarian Law and International Criminal Law (Judge Advocate General Riordan).

The seminar is subject to funding by *voluntary contributions*. Voluntary contributions are *urgently needed* to ensure the continuation of this essential capacity building activity to promote international law education in Africa.

For further information, please contact the African Institute of International Law (e-mail info@aiil-iadi.org), or the Secretary of the Advisory Committee on the Programme of Assistance, Ms. Virginia Morris (e-mail morrisv@un.org). Application forms are available on the AIIL website (*click here*).

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**Report of the High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises**

The report of the Secretary-General's High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises has been issued in document A/70/723, in conjunction with the Secretary-General's report, contained in document A/70/824.

**Calendar of conferences and meetings**

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# Summary of official meetings

**Monday, 16 January 2017**

## Economic and Social Council

**United Nations Forum on Forests**

**Working Group**

[archived video]

1st meeting

*Opening of the session*

The Chair of the twelfth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests, Mr. Peter Besseau (Canada), made an opening statement.

*Election of officers* [item 1]

The Forum began its consideration of the item and elected, by acclamation, His Excellency Hans Hoogeveen (Netherlands) and Mr. Mohammad Ali Zarie Zaree (Islamic Republic of Iran) as Co-Chairs of the Working Group of the Forum.

The Co-Chairs delivered opening remarks.

*Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters* [item 2]

The Forum adopted the provisional agenda for the session, as contained in document E/CN.18/WG/2017/1.

A statement was made by the representative of Japan, to which the Co- Chair (Islamic Republic of Iran) provided clarifications.

The Forum approved its provisional organization of work, as circulated in an informal paper, with the understanding that it might be further adjusted, as required.

*Recommendations of the working group to the special session of the United Nations Forum on Forests* [item 3]

The Co-Chair (Islamic Republic of Iran) made a statement.

Introductory statements were made by the Director of the United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat; a representative of the United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat; and Ms. Eva Muller, Director of the Forestry Policy and Resources Division of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

A statement was made by the Co-Chair (Netherlands).

The Working Group began its discussion on the elements of the Co-Chairs' draft proposals for the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests for the period 2017-2030, and the Quadrennial Programme of Work for the period 2017-2020, as contained in documents E/CN.18/WG/2017/2 and E/CN.18/WG/2017/3.

*First reading of the draft United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests*

Statements were made by the representatives of Colombia, Chile, Malaysia, Ukraine, Switzerland, Indonesia, Brazil, the United States, Ghana, Australia, China, the Russian Federation, Japan, Ecuador, Peru, India, the Republic of Korea, Canada, Papua New Guinea, Norway and the Dominican Republic, as well as by the observer of the European Union.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity and the International Union of Forest Research Organizations.

*Organization of work*

The Co-Chair (Netherlands) made a statement.

2nd meeting

The summary of the 2nd meeting of the Working group of the United Nations Forum on Forests will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2017/11).

## General information

### Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *January 2017* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

*African States*
Burundi
His Excellency Albert Shingiro

*Asia-Pacific States*
Lebanon
His Excellency Nawaf Salam

*Eastern European States*
Lithuania
Her Excellency Raimonda Murmokaitė

*Latin American and Caribbean States*
Cuba
Her Excellency Ana Silvia Rodriguez Abascal
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*Western European and other States*
Switzerland
His Excellency Jürg Lauber

## General Assembly

Seventy-first session

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The agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/71/251 and A/71/251/Add.1, and the allocation of agenda items for the session is contained in document A/71/252 and A/71/252/Add.1.

The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/71/100 and the annotated draft agenda of the seventy-first session has been issued as document A/71/100/Add.1.

The following items on the agenda remain open for consideration during the seventy-first session of the General Assembly: agenda items 9 to 15, 19, 19 (h), 20, 28 to 35, 37, 38, 40 to 46, 51, 61, 62, 62 (a) and (b), 65, 65 (a), 66, 68, 68 (b), 69, 69 (a) to (d), 73, 73 (a), 87, 110 to 112, 114, 114 (a), 115, 115 (b) (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), and (l), 116 to 125, 126, 126 (b), (c), (e) to (h), (j), (k), (m), (p), (q), (s), (t) and (z), and 127 to 164.

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A/71/742–S/2017/11 Item 61 — Peacebuilding and sustaining peace — Letter dated 5 January 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*

A/RES/71/86 Item 104 — Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 5 December 2016 [A C E F R S] — *3 pages*

A/RES/71/118 Item 58 — Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 6 December 2016 [A C E F R S] — *5 pages*

**Open-ended Working Group on Ageing**
**Seventh working session**

A/AC.278/2016/2 Report of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing on its seventh working session [A C E F R S] — *11 pages*

**Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women**

**Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women**

CEDAW/C/ARM/CO/5-6 Concluding observations on the combined fifth and sixth periodic reports of Armenia [A C E F R S] — *16 pages*

CEDAW/C/NLD/CO/6 Concluding observations on the sixth periodic report of the Netherlands [A C E F R S] — *15 pages*

**Security Council**

S/2016/1088 Identical letters dated 21 December 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *6 pages*

S/2016/1127 Letter dated 29 December 2016 from the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *18 pages*

S/2016/1135 Letter dated 22 December 2016 from the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *13 pages*

S/2016/1136 Second report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015) [A C E F R S] — *9 pages*

A/71/740–S/2016/1140 Letter dated 30 December 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *3 pages*

S/Agenda/7862 Provisional agenda [A C E F R S] — *1 page*

**Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict**

S/AC.51/2016/3 Conclusions on children and armed conflict in the Central African Republic [A C E F R S] — *10 pages*

A/71/742–S/2017/11 Letter dated 5 January 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*

## Economic and Social Council

### Statistical Commission
### Forty-eight session

E/CN.3/2017/13 Item 3 (j) of the provisional agenda — Items for discussion and decision: national accounts — Report of the Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *11 pages*

E/CN.3/2017/16 Item 3 (m) of the provisional agenda — Items for discussion and decision: business registers — Report of the Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *15 pages*

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### United Nations Forum on Forests
### Working group established pursuant to paragraph 46 of Economic and Social Council resolution 2015/33

E/CN.18/WG/2017/2 Item 3 of the provisional agenda — Recommendations of the working group to the special session of the United Nations Forum on Forests — Proposal for the United Nations strategic plan for forests for the period 2017-2030 — Submission by the Co-Chairs of the working group of the United Nations Forum on Forests [A C E F R S] — *30 pages*

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## Official meetings

### Security Council

10:00 — 7864th meeting [webcast] — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Mali

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Mali (S/2016/1137)

Morning (following the adjournment of the 7864th meeting) — Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultations Room

MINUSMA (S/2016/1137)

Other matters

15:00 — 7865th meeting [webcast] — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Non-proliferation

Letter dated 27 December 2016 from the Security Council Facilitator for the implementation of resolution 2231 (2015) (S/2016/1113)

Second report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015) (S/2016/1136)

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## General Assembly

Seventy-first session

10:00 Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on the first draft of the modalities draft resolution on the intergovernmental negotiations leading to the adoption of a global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration to be presented at an intergovernmental conference on international migration in 2018

[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 22 December 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

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**2017 Working Group on Contingent-Owned Equipment**

10:00 to 10:30 Closed meeting Conference Room 3

**Sub-Working Group – Major Equipment**

10:30 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 3

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 3

**Sub-Working Group – Self-Sustainment**

10:30 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 5

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 5

**Sub-Working Group – Medical Support Service**

10:30 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 6

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 6

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## Security Council

**Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2206 (2015) concerning South Sudan**

15:00 to 18:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 7

1. Report of the Chair's visit to South Sudan, Ethiopia, the Sudan and Uganda (10-19 December 2016)
2. Other matters

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## Economic and Social Council

**United Nations Forum on Forests**

**Working Group**

10:00 to 13:00 5th meeting Conference Room 2

Recommendations of the working group to the special session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (E/CN.18/WG/2017/2 and E/CN.18/WG/2017/3) [item 3]

*Discussion on the Co-Chairs' proposals*

15:00 to 18:00 6th meeting Conference Room 2

Recommendations of the working group to the special session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (E/CN.18/WG/2017/2 and E/CN.18/WG/2017/3) [item 3]

*Continuation of the discussion on the Co-Chairs' proposals*

[Background information and related documentation for the Working Group are available on the United Nations Forum on Forests Website (*click here*). For additional information, please contact the United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat (e-mail unff@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3401).]

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**Commission for Social Development**

Informal briefing

10:00 Conference Room 4

The Chair-designate of the fifty-fifth session of the Commission for Social Development, Mr. Philipp Charwath (Austria), will hold an informal briefing on the draft programme of work of the fifty-fifth session of the Commission

Immediately after the briefing on the work programme of the fifty-fifth session of the Commission for Social Development, the Division for Social Policy and Development will present the substantive findings and key policy suggestions of a flagship publication of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, *Report on the World Social Situation 2016 – Leaving No One Behind: the imperative of inclusive development*.

All are invited to attend.

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**United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 12

Briefing on Evaluation

Independent Evaluation Office (IEO)/Office of Audit and Investigations (OAI) Joint assessment of UNDP institutional effectiveness

Independent Evaluation Office workplan and resources for 2017

## Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

*The agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/71/251 and A/71/252. The meetings under this header are closed.*

***General Assembly***

**Informal consultations on draft resolution entitled "The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict" (under agenda item 30) (convened by the Permanent Mission of United Arab Emirates)**

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room B

## Other meetings

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**JUSCANZ Group (on the Working Group of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF))**

08:30 to 10:00 Closed meeting Conference Room C

**Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)**

09:00 to 10:00 Closed meeting Conference Room A

**Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS): Working Group**

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 9

**Event entitled "The role of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) in accelerating the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 14 and 17) in advance of the High-level Political Forum (HLPF 2017); eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in our 'digital' world" (organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU))**

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 12

All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Sharon London, ITU Liaison Office (e-mail london@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6121).

## Press conferences

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# Forthcoming official meetings

## General Assembly

Seventy-first session

Tuesday, 24 January 2017

**High Level Dialogue on "Building Sustainable Peace for all: Synergies between the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Sustaining Peace"**

09:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

Opening segment

10:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

High-level segment and plenary debate

11:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

Interactive panel discussion on taking a comprehensive approach to sustainable development and sustaining peace

15:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

Plenary debate *(continued)*

15:00 Workshops focusing on linkages across three themes (in parallel):

1. Empowering women and youth for peace and sustainable development — Conference Room 1
2. Managing natural ressources for peace and sustainable development — Conference Room 11
3. Strengthening transparent, inclusive, and accountable institutions — Conference Room 12

17:30 Trusteeship Council Chamber

Interactive discussion among the moderators of Workshops 1, 2 and 3

17:55 Trusteeship Council Chamber

*Closing*

[Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 6 December 2016 and 10 January 2017, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. Delegations wishing to speak in the high-level segment and the plenary debate are kindly requested to inscribe with the List of Speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Mr. Carlos Galindo (e-mail galindo@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063), with copy to e-mail gaspeakerslist@un.org). Statements in the high-level segment should not exceed *five minutes* and statements in the plenary debate should not exceed *three minutes*. For *PaperSmart Services*, delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail. For more information on the event, please *click here*.]

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**United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development**
Preparatory meeting

Wednesday, 15, and Thursday, 16 February 2017

10:00 Conference Room 4

15:00 Conference Room 4

The President of the General Assembly, pursuant to operative paragraph 18 of General Assembly resolution 70/303, will convene a two-day preparatory meeting, to be chaired by the co-facilitators appointed to oversee the preparatory process and to conclude the intergovernmental consultations on a "Call for Action", His Excellency Álvaro Mendonça Moura, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations, and

His Excellency Burhan Gafoor, Permanent Representative of Singapore to the United Nations, with a view to considering the themes for the partnership dialogues of the Conference and elements for a "Call for Action".

As stipulated in Assembly resolution 70/303, the preparatory process shall be open to all States Members of the United Nations, members of the specialized agencies and parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. Other relevant stakeholders, including organizations and bodies of the United Nations, intergovernmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private and philanthropic organizations, whose work is relevant to the Conference and accredited in accordance with the provisions of resolution 70/303, are invited to participate as observers. Associate members of the regional commissions are also invited to participate as observers. Additional information on registration and accreditation is available on the Conference website, please *click here*. For additional information on the preparatory meeting please contact Ms. Ling Wang (e-mail wang24@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0727), Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 3 November 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

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**Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations**
Informal briefing

Friday, 20 January 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 1

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide an informal briefing (closed) to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, on:

Civil Affairs; and Gender and Women, Peace and Security

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**Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization**
2017 session
Tuesday, 21 February, to Wednesday, 1 March 2017

Tuesday, 21 February 2017

10:00 284th meeting Conference Room 3

The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document A/AC.182/L.145, and is available on the website of the Special Committee (*click here*). Other relevant documents for the session will also be posted on the website.

The list of speakers for the general debate, to be held on Tuesday, 21 February 2017, *is open*. Delegations are urged to contact the secretariat of the Special Committee (e-mail 6thcommittee@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5331; fax 1 (212) 963-1963)) if they wish to be inscribed on the list.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/52 of 11 December 1995, the Special Committee is open to all States Members of the United Nations. Delegations

that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (e-mail 6thcommittee@un.org, Room DC2-0566; fax 1 (212) 963-1963). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

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## United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)
### Executive Board

Pre-session informal meeting

Thursday, 26 January 2017

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 2

Pre-session informal meeting in advance of the first regular session of 2017 of the Executive Board of UN-Women

The pre-session will be combined with an informal briefing on corporate evaluation on UN-Women Regional Architecture.

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First regular session

Tuesday, 14 February 2017 Conference Room 3

The annotated provisional agenda and work plan for the session are contained in document UNW/2017/L.1. Advance copies of documentation are available on the UN-Women Executive Board website.

Executive Board members, observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail *their credentials* (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead) to Ms. Rocio Torres (e-mail rocio.torres@unwomen.org).

For requests to be on *the speakers' list* for agenda item 2 (evaluation), please send an e-mail to rocio.torres@unwomen.org, *as early as possible*, but no later than Friday, 3 February 2017. There will be no prepared speaker lists for the other agenda items.

The upcoming first regular session will be PaperSmart as per established practice. All official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal (*click here*) and will not be distributed by conference services during the session. Member States may however make specific requests for hard copies of documents at the Conference Officers' desk located in the conference room.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart secretariat (e-mail papersmart4@un.org) at *least two hours in advance* of their speaking slot. The statements will be accessible electronically via the PaperSmart Portal at the time of delivery, and will be under embargo until then. Delegations are kindly requested to provide 15 hard copies of official statements for interpretation and other services, and are encouraged to carry their laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices to be able to access the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

## Security Council

**Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)**
Informal meeting

Thursday, 19 January 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 7

On behalf of the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism, the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) will hold an informal meeting, with the Western European and other States Group on "countering the activities of ISIL (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and associated individuals, groups, undertakings and entities to incite and recruit individuals to commit terrorist acts".

The Council's presidential statement of 11 May 2016 (S/PRST/2016/6) requested the Counter-Terrorism Committee, in close consultations with CTED and other relevant United Nations bodies and international and regional organizations, in particular the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF) Office, as well as interested Member States, to present a proposal to the Council by 30 April 2017 for a "comprehensive international framework" to effectively counter, in compliance with international law, the ways that ISIL, Al-Qaida and associated individuals and entities use their narratives to encourage, motivate, and recruit others to commit terrorist acts.

In this regard, the objective of the informal meeting is to share initial findings and seek further input from the Western European and other States Group on the development of a comprehensive international framework pursuant to S/PRST/2016/6. Similar meetings will be organized for other regional groups during January 2017.

For additional information, please contact Mr. Matteo Sestito, Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (e-mail sestito@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4112).

## Economic and Social Council

2017 session

Youth Forum

Monday, 30, and Tuesday, 31 January 2017 Trusteeship Council Chamber

The Economic and Social Council will hold its sixth youth forum on the theme "The role of youth in poverty eradication and promoting prosperity in a changing world".

A ministerial roundtable on youth issues and youth engagement in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development will be held immediately following the opening segment.

In view of the interactive nature of the youth forum, there will be no pre-determined list of speakers and participants are requested to refrain from reading prepared statements. In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions will be limited to *three minutes* (*five minutes* for groups).

All are invited to attend. Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations who wish to participate, should communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity (c/o alejandrino@un.org, with a copy to simonp@un.org)

*no later than noon on Friday, 27 January 2017*, in order to be provided a seat in the plenary room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Additional information on the youth forum, including the draft programme, general concept note and ministerial roundtable concept note, as well as logistical information for participation, is available on the website of the Council (*click here*) or please contact Mr. Paul Simon, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail simonp@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5027).

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**United Nations Forum on Forests**
Special session

Friday, 20 January 2017 Conference Room 2

The special session of the Forum will be held immediately following the conclusion of the meeting of the Working Group.

For inclusion in the list of participants for the special session, delegations are requested to communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretary of the Forum, Mr. Moncef Khane (c/o Mr. Mahmoud Ablan (e-mail ablanm@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Background information and related documentation for the special session are available on the United Nations Forum on Forests website (*click here*). For additional information, please contact the United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat (e-mail unff@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3401).

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**Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations**
2017 regular session

Monday, 30 January, to Wednesday, 8 February and
Tuesday, 21 February 2017 Conference Room 1

The annotated provisional agenda has been issued as document E/C.2/2017/1. Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note verbal to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Alexander Lomaia (e-mail lomaia@un.org, with a copy to komatina@un.org; Room S-3057).

Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Background information on the Committee (its procedures, forms and documentation) is available on the Web site of the NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (please *click here*).

Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.

**Commission for Social Development**
Fifty-fifth session
Wednesday, 1, to Friday, 10 February 2017

Wednesday, 1 February 2017

10:00 Opening meeting Conference Room 4

The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed organization of work are contained in document E/CN.5/2017/1. For further information on the fifty-fifth and previous sessions of the Commission, please *click here*.

For the *participation and seating arrangements*, members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma, of the composition of their delegations (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org), with a copy to Mr. Mahmoud Ablan (e-mail ablanm@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Due to the limited number of seats available for observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) in Conference Room 4, only observers who will communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat, *by Friday, 27 January 2017*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of the conference room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis. Delegations should contact the secretariat regarding accessibility requirements, *as soon as possible* (e-mail doultonf@un.org).

*General discussion* under item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda (Priority theme: Strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all) will begin on Wednesday, 1 February 2017, following the opening of the session. The general discussion under item 3 (b) (Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups) will begin on Friday, 3 February 2017, in the afternoon. For further details, please consult the proposed organization of work in Annex I to document E/CN.5/2017/1.

The *lists of speakers* are open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the lists should contact, *in writing*, Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that, according to past practice, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes*, statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*, and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes*.

Delegates are informed that *PaperSmart services* are offered as an additional service for the fifty-fifth session of the Commission. The *statements* will be made available on the Commission PaperSmart portal at the time of delivery by delegations.

To consult comprehensive information on the *participation of non-governmental organizations* in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

**United Nations Children's Fund**
**Executive Board**

Pre-session briefing

Monday, 23 January 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 1

Informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (Tuesday, 7, to Thursday, 9 February 2017)

The pre-session will be combined with an informal briefing on: (a) Private fundraising and partnerships: 2017 workplan and proposed budget; (b) Updated road map to and outline of the Strategic Plan for 2018-2021; and (c) Assessment of ways to enhance results-based budgeting and assessment of the resource allocation system.

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First regular session

Tuesday, 7, to Thursday, 9 February 2017 Conference Room 3

The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work of the UNICEF Executive Board are contained in document E/ICEF/2017/1. Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available by *clicking here*. Member States as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (1 (212) 326-7096); or e-mail them to harai@unicef.org, as early as possible, but *no later than Friday, 3 February 2017*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene. The time limit set for delivering statements during the general discussion is *five minutes* for speakers on behalf of groups and *three minutes* for individual delegations.

As per established practice, advance copies of all session documentation are available on the UNICEF Executive Board website (*click here*). The upcoming 2017 first regular session will be a PaperSmart session of the UNICEF Executive Board. This means that instead of distributing hardcopies in the conference room, all documentation will be available for downloading electronically through the UNICEF Executive Board website (*click here*).

UNICEF is fully committed to diversity and inclusion. To ensure that the Executive Board session is fully accessible, participants are kindly reminded of a few basic tenets that will enable all delegates to enjoy the full benefit of the deliberations. To the extent possible, speakers are encouraged to introduce themselves and to read out and/or verbally describe visual materials in slides, charts and graphs.

The United Nations provides a range of tools and services in support of persons with disabilities through its Accessibility Centre (located in the first basement level of the Conference Building); an Accessibility Service Kiosk (adjacent to the Information Desk at the Visitors' Entrance); and a Documents Assistance Centre (in the Delegates' Lounge). UNICEF would be happy to put delegates in touch with the Centre, or – with advance notice – they need to let UNICEF know what kind of services would be needed to procure on their behalf.

Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board (Attn. Mr. Dillon Leano (e-mail dleano@unicef.org)). The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement *and* in the subject line of the e-mail. These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the statement and then posted to the 'In-session' webpage on the UNICEF Executive Board website.

Delegations are kindly requested to bring 10 copies of their statements to the conference officers for interpretation. Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meeting in order to access electronically the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

**Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services**
First regular session 2017

Monday, 30 January, to Friday, 3 February 2017 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The provisional agenda, annotations and list of documents for the session are contained in document DP/2017/L1. Kindly note that documents for the UNDP and UNOPS segments of the session are posted on the UNDP Executive Board website (*click here*) and for the UNFPA segment on the UNFPA website (*click here*).

Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead) to the Executive Board secretariat at eb.secretariat@undp.org, with copy to ferguson@unfpa.org, *as early as possible, but not later than Monday, 23 January 2017*.

The first regular session 2017 will continue to use the electronic system to identify requests to take the floor. Delegations with a special interest on any of the UNDP and UNOPS agenda items are kindly requested to communicate their intention to intervene during such items to the Executive Board secretariat at eb.secretariat@undp.org. Interventions related to UNFPA items should be communicated to speakerslist@unfpa.org.

As per established practice, the first regular session 2017 will be *PaperSmart*. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

The PaperSmart portal will provide access to the official documents in all official languages. Statements, background documents, informal documents and presentations will be available in the language of submission.

The portal will be accessible via papersmart.un.org.

Documents and statements will be available for viewing and downloading through laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices. Alternatively, Member States may request hard copies of documents using the print on demand icon located next to the document in the PaperSmart portal. Member States may also request hard copies of documents at the Conference Officers' desk located in the conference room.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements or presentations by e-mail to the PaperSmart secretariat (e-mail papersmart4@un.org), *at least two hours in advance* of their speaking slot. The intended agenda item should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be available to view and download via the PaperSmart portal upon delivery. Delegations are kindly requested to provide 15 hard copies of the official statements for the interpretation and other services.

**United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)**

Informal consultations

Monday, 23 January 2017
10:00 to 11:30 Conference Room 8

On draft country programme documents

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

UNFPA Executive Board briefings

Wednesday, 1 February 2017

13:15 to 14:45 Conference Room 5

On the UNFPA Strategic Plan 2018-2021

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Friday, 3 February 2017

10:00 to 11:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

On UNFPA humanitarian response funding

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

## Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

*The agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/71/251 and A/71/252. The meetings under this header are closed.*

***General Assembly***

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Day of Neutrality" (under agenda item 14) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Turkmenistan)**

Thursday, 19 January 2017

11:00 to 12:30 Conference Room 12

## Forthcoming other meetings

*The information below is reproduced as received and does not imply any opinion or endorsement by the Secretariat of the United Nations. The meetings under this header are open unless otherwise indicated.*

**Briefing entitled "Planning the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI) Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Conference" (organized by the NGO Relations, Advocacy and Special Events Section, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information)**

Thursday, 19 January 2017

11:00 to 12:30 Conference Room 1

All are invited. For more information, please contact Ms. Hawa Diallo DPI/NGO Relations (e-mail diallo9@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9380).

**Briefing on "Follow-up to the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants: Towards a Global Compact on Refugees" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR))**

Monday, 23 January 2017

13:15 to 14:45 Conference Room B

All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Kaitlyn Pritchard, Permanent Mission of Canada (e-mail kaitlyn.pritchard@international.gc.ca; tel. 1 (212) 848-1155).

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**Briefing on "The Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty" (organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR))**

Monday, 23 January 2017

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 12

All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact OHCHR (e-mail newyork@ohchr.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5931).

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**Brainstorming session on "Responsible governance on disarmament and non-proliferation for progress and sustainable development" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Belarus, Kazakhstan and Suriname, and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP))**

Monday, 23 January 2017

15:00 to 17:00 Conference Room 8

All are invited. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Belarus (e-mail vitaly.mackay@gmail.com); to register, please *click here*.

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**Group of Least Developed Countries (briefing by the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) on its mandate and programs, and preview of the Strategic Framework road map)**

Tuesday, 24 January 2017

10:00 to 12:00 Closed meeting Conference Room B

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**Briefing on "Refugee protection and mixed migration" (organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR))**

Tuesday, 24 January 2017

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 7

All are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Ms. Jenifer Fenton, UNHCR New York Office (e-mail fenton@unhcr.org; tel. 1 (646) 255-3054).

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**Group of Least Developed Countries (at the ambassadorial level)**

Tuesday, 24 January 2017

15:30 to 17:30 Closed meeting Conference Room B

**International Expert Group Meeting on the theme "Implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: the role of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and other indigenous-specific mechanisms: article 42" (organized by the secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))**

Wednesday, 25, to Friday, 27 January 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 11

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 11

All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Mr. Elias Centellas, secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (e-mail centellas@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 363-6663).

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**Event entitled "Mental Health for All: Local Strategies" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Australia, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Palau and Panama, the New York City Mayor's Office for International Affairs, the ThriveNYC and the World Health Organization (WHO))**

Wednesday, 25 January 2017

11:30 to 13:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Kenlie Lipiano, Permanent Mission of Palau (e-mail proffice@palauun.org; tel. 1 (212) 813-0310).

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**Briefing on "The water-food nexus: tackling water scarcity in the context of sustainable development" (organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO))**

Wednesday, 25 January 2017

12:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 8

All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Ms. Anastasia Kefalidou, FAO Liaison Office in New York (e-mail kefalidoua@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0990); or *click here*.

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**Workshop entitled "International Law: Challenges and Opportunities for the International Criminal Court" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden and the United Nations Institute of Training and Research (UNITAR))**

Thursday, 26 January 2017

09:30 to 13:00 Conference Room D

15:00 to 17:00 Conference Room D

All are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Mr. Pelayo Alvarez, UNITAR New York Office (e-mails pelayo.alvarez@unitar.org or nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

**Briefing entitled "Educating against Extremism, Building a Better Future" (in observance of the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the victims of the Holocaust (27 January)) (organized by NGO Relations, Advocacy and Special Events Section and the Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Programme, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information)**

Thursday, 26 January 2017

11:00 to 12:30 Conference Room 1

All are invited. For more information, please contact Ms. Hawa Diallo, DPI/NGO Relations (e-mail diallo9@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9380).

**Briefing on "Future of financing for sustainable development" (organized by the World Bank)**

Thursday, 26 January 2017

13:15 to 14:45 Conference Room 1

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Gustavo Bono, World Bank (e-mail gbono@worldbank.org).

**Non-Aligned Movement (at the ambassadorial level) (monthly meeting)**

Thursday, 26 January 2017

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 4

**Briefing on "The road map to the United Nations Capital Development Fund Strategic Framework, 2018-2021" (organized by the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF))**

Monday, 30 January 2017

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 6

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Kris Supangkat, UNCDF (e-mail krisanhty.supangkat@uncdf.org; tel. 1 (212) 906-6436).

## Announcements

**Highlights of Security Council Practice**

The Highlights of Security Council Practice provides an annual review of Security Council activities since 2011. This publication contains statistical information on the evolving practice of the Security Council relating to meetings, missions, agenda, decisions and voting patterns, as well as on its subsidiary bodies.

The 2016 Highlights of Security Council is now available online (*click here*). It is also available on the Security Council website (*click here*). The Highlights is produced by the Security Council Practices and Charter Research Branch in the Security Council Affairs Division of the Department of Political Affairs. The Branch is also responsible for the drafting of the *Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council, which provides comprehensive coverage of the Security Council's interpretation and application of the United Nations Charter and its own Provisional Rules of Procedure since 1946.

For more information about the 2016 Highlights of Security Council Practice, please contact Mr. Xu Zheng (tel. 1 (917) 367-6900), Security Council Practices and Charter Research Branch, Security Council Affairs Division, Department of Political Affairs.

**Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions**

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training in English (unless otherwise indicated) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *January 2017*:

*Introduction to UN Documents (English, French)*

*Security Council Documentation*

*Introduction to Library Services*

*Finding Speeches*

*Voting Information*

*General Assembly Documentation*

*Treaty Research*

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*). For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

**International Law Seminar for African Universities: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (19 to 30 June 2017): Urgent appeal for voluntary contributions and call for applications**

The African Institute of International Law is planning to conduct the second International Law Seminar for African Universities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) from 19 to 30 June 2017, to promote capacity building in international law education for the benefit of the faculty members of academic institutions and government training centres throughout the region.

The African Institute of International Law will conduct the seminar in cooperation with the Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs pursuant to General Assembly resolution 71/139 (A/RES/71/139).

The curriculum for this seminar will include: International Law (Ms. Boisson de Chazournes), International Trade Law and Environmental Law (Mr. Mbengue), African Union Law and Institutions (Judge Kioko), International and African Human Rights Law (Mr. Okafor), Law of the Sea (Ms. Oral); as well as International Humanitarian Law and International Criminal Law (Judge Advocate General Riordan).

The seminar is subject to funding by *voluntary contributions*. Voluntary contributions are *urgently needed* to ensure the continuation of this essential capacity building activity to promote international law education in Africa.

For further information, please contact the African Institute of International Law (e-mail info@aiil-iadi.org), or the Secretary of the Advisory Committee on the Programme of Assistance, Ms. Virginia Morris (e-mail morrisv@un.org). Application forms are available on the AIIL website (*click here*).

**Press kit for the seventy-first session of the General Assembly**

The press kit for the seventy-first session of the General Assembly is available online in all six official languages. Produced by the Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the kit is paper-free. Print-on-demand versions are available on the General Assembly website (*click here*).

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council**

The *Repertoire* provides comprehensive coverage of the Security Council's interpretation and application of the United Nations Charter and its own Provisional Rules of Procedure. It is prepared by the Security Council Affairs Division in the Department of Political Affairs.

The *Repertoire* is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law and international relations, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations in following the evolving practice of the Council and gaining a better understanding of the framework in which it operates. The latest printed volume (Seventeenth Supplement), covering the years 2010 to 2011, is now available.

For copies, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288). The Eighteenth Supplement (2012-2013) and Part I of the Nineteenth Supplement (2014-2015) are available in their advance versions on the *Repertoire section* of the website of the Security Council.

**Report of the High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises**

The report of the Secretary-General's High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises has been issued in document A/70/723, in conjunction with the Secretary-General's report, contained in document A/70/824.

**Calendar of conferences and meetings**

The 2016 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

# Summary of official meetings

**Monday, 16 January 2017**

## Economic and Social Council

**United Nations Forum on Forests**

**Working Group**

[archived video]

2nd meeting

*Recommendations of the working group to the special session of the United Nations Forum on Forests* [item 3]

*First reading of the draft United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests (continued)*

The Forum continued its consideration of the agenda item and heard statements by the representatives of Chile, Indonesia, Brazil, Japan, China, Switzerland, Malaysia, Peru, the Russian Federation, the United States, Ghana, Ecuador, Saint Lucia, Australia, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Canada, Nigeria, the Republic of Korea, Ukraine and Norway; as well as by the observer of the European Union.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations and the Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.

Statements were also made by the representative of the International Union of Forest Research Organizations; as well as by the representatives of the following major groups: farmers and small forest landowners; non-governmental organizations; and scientific and technological communities.

*Organization of work*

A statement was made by the Co-Chair (Netherlands).

**Tuesday, 17 January 2017**

## Security Council

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7863rd meeting

*The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representatives of Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, Costa Rica, Cuba, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Maldives, Morocco, Norway, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, the Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, Uzbekistan and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited the Permanent Observer of the Observer State of Palestine to participate in the meeting in accordance with the provisional rules of procedure and the Council's previous practice.

The President invited Mr. Nickolay Mladenov, Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited His Excellency Dian Triansyah Djani, Vice-Chair of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Mladenov via video-teleconference from Jerusalem.

The Council heard a statement by the Permanent Observer of the Observer State of Palestine.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Israel.

Statements were made by the representatives of France, Senegal, Italy, Uruguay, the Russian Federation, Ethiopia, Japan, the United States, China, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, the United Kingdom, Egypt and the Plurinational Republic of Bolivia; and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Sweden.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Lebanon, Norway and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The Council heard a statement by His Excellency Dian Triansyah Djani.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Cuba, Turkey, the Syrian Arab Republic, South Africa, Malaysia, Costa Rica, Indonesia, India, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (speaking on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Bangladesh, Pakistan, Iraq, Morocco, Jordan, Brazil, Argentina, Uzbekistan (speaking on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Maldives, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Saudi Arabia.

The representative of Israel made a further statement.

## Economic and Social Council

### United Nations Forum on Forests

### Working Group

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3rd meeting

*Recommendations of the working group to the special session of the United Nations Forum on Forests* [item 3]

*First reading of the draft Quadrennial Programme of Work*

The Forum continued its consideration of the agenda item and heard statements by the representatives of South Africa, Nigeria, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the United States, China, Chile, Australia, Switzerland, Ukraine, Ghana, Brazil, the Niger, Lesotho and Peru; as well as by the observer of the European Union.

A statement was also made by the representative the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the following major groups: farmers and small forest landowners; and scientific and technological communities.

The Secretary and the Director of the United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat provided clarifications to comments made and questions raised from the floor.

*Organization of work*

A statement was made by the Co-Chair (Netherlands).

4th meeting

*Recommendations of the working group to the special session of the United Nations Forum on Forests* [item 3]

*Second reading of the draft United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests*

The Forum continued its consideration of the agenda item and heard statements by the representatives of Norway, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ukraine, Switzerland, the Niger, South Africa, Lebanon, Peru, China, Brazil, Chile, the State of Palestine, Japan, Mexico, Australia, Indonesia, the United States, Nigeria, India, the Russian Federation, Canada, Papua New Guinea, Malaysia, Saint Lucia, Ghana and Colombia; as well as by the observer of the European Union.

A statement was also made by the representative of the major group of non-governmental organizations.

*Organization of work*

A statement was made by the Co-Chair (Netherlands).

# Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

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**[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]**

*Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade. Rotterdam, 10 September 1998*

*Accession:* Malta (17 January 2017)

*Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Stockholm, 22 May 2001*

*Ratification:* Malta (17 January 2017)

*Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Criminal Court. New York, 9 September 2002*

*Ratification:* Peru (17 January 2017)

# General information

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Seventy-first session

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